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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004 please consider the following amendments and remarks, and the attached DECLARATION OF APPLICANT UNDER 37 CFR §1.132. The Examiner had earlier withdrawn claims 27-29. The Applicants request that claims 1, 5, 14, 18, and 19 be amended as shown in the listing of the claims. Claims 1- 26 are pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.